

# *Documents on Diplomacy: Exercises*

## *Foreign Policy Scenarios*

*The Confederation Congress of the United States faces many dilemmas. Based on the Articles of Confederation, how can the U.S. Government deal with these issues?*

- 1.** The British continue to occupy forts in the Northwest Territory. According to the Treaty of Paris (1783) they were supposed to leave.
- 2.** Vermont is not yet a state because of boundary disputes with neighboring states. Vital to people in Vermont, including outspoken Ethan Allen and his two brothers, is the St. Lawrence River's outlet to the sea. If siding with Great Britain would guarantee this, so be it.
- 3.** Spain claims land to the Ohio and Tennessee Rivers although the Treaty of Paris (1783) placed the southwestern boundary where the 31<sup>st</sup> parallel intersects with the Mississippi River.
- 4.** Spain and Great Britain provide Indian tribes with firearms which are used against the American settlers.
- 5.** The United States owes money to France for assistance during the War for Independence.
- 6.** The new country finds it difficult to negotiate trade deals. Even France, an ally during the war, has granted American shippers only limited rights to trade in the West Indies, for example.
- 7.** During the Revolution, Great Britain started producing goods that it could no longer import from the colonies. Since the war ended, Great Britain is selling these goods in the U.S. for less than the same American-made products.